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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: TSB CHAIRMAN WURTH'S DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIANS

1. TSB CHAIRMAN WURTH THOUGHT FOLLOWING INFO FROM PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH JOHNSON AND DYSEN OF AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AND WITH AUSTRALIAN GENEVA OFFICIALS WOULD BE OF INTEREST. WURTH ASKED THAT WE NOT RPT NOT LET AUSTRALIANS KNOW HE PASSED THIS INFORMATION ALONG.

2. ALTHOUGH TEESE AND WARWICK SMITH OF GENEVA DEL DOUBTED USEFULNESS OF MFA, JOHNSON AND DYSEN SAID THEY INTERESTED IN MFA, SINCE IN LONG RUN THEY HOPE RATIONALIZE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE AREAS WHERE AUSTRALIA CAN BE EFFICIENT PRODUCER. THEY NOW RE-STRUCTURING TO THIS END, CLAIM ONE AIM OF THEIR CURRENT CIRCUIT TOUR IS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE ON WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DONE.

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3. MEANWHILE, THEY HAVE TSG TROUBLES TO OVERCOME. WURTH

SURMISES THAT JOHNSON AND DYSEN WOULD LIKE SOME MEANS RE-ESTABLISH AUSTRALIAN "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" WITH TSB, PERHAPS SOME SORT OF WIAVER, ALTHOUGH THEY REAFFIRMED THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT CONSULT UNDER ART. 9. WURTH SUGGESTED THE CONSIDER AT LEAST MAKING SOME SORT OF PRESENTATION TO TSB, BUT HE EMPHASIZED TSB, NOT HE, WOULD HAVE TO JUDGE WHETHER ANYTHING SHY OF ART. 9 CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. WURTH TOLD THEM SOME SORT OF AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE WAS CERTAINLY NEEDED NOW.

4. WITH SIMILAR PLEA FOR CONFIDENTIALITY, WURTH THOUGHT PHELAN SHOULD ALSO KNOW FOR HIS BACKGROUND INFO ONLY THAT GATT D. G. LONG IN MID-JUNE SAW NEW AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL TRADE, CREAN, AND CREAN SAID AUSTRALIA WANTS TO LIVE UP TO MFA. QUALIFICATION WAS THAT CREAN DID NOT SEEM WELL UP ON TEXTILE INDUSTRY PARTICULARS. DALE

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